

**Benjamin C. Stoddert to George Washington, February 17, 1774, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM MR. BENJAMIN C. STODDERT.** <sup>1</sup>

BLADGH. 17th. Feby. 1774—

SIR

I have a Tickett No. 5272, in Lord Stirlings Lottery, the Gentn. from whom I bought it, tells me the Lottery is drawn, & that you wou'd be kind enough to inform me of the success of my Tickett, which if you do, by a Line directed to me at Bladensburgh, You will much Oblige

Sir, Yr. Obedt. Sert. BENJ CAN [?] STODDERT

<sup>1</sup> Born in Charles County, Maryland, in 1751; died in Bladensburg, December 18, 1813. Benjamin Stoddert's signature in later years, as Secretary of the Navy (1798–1801), is without the middle name; but as the handwriting and signature are otherwise similar to the manuscript letter of February 17, 1774, it seems probable that Secretary Stoddert, of Bladensburg, and Benjamin C. Stoddert, of Bladensburg, are identical.